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**LIFE IN NASON HALL**

## President's Corner

It was in 1946 that the 63rd General Assembly appropriated funds that were later approved by Governor Phil M. Donnelly providing for the erection of residence halls on the campus of the State Teachers College at Kirksville. Thus was realized a dream of many years, for the College had long needed such buildings.

The architect who designed the buildings was H. J. Pearce of Bonsack and Pearce, Inc., of St. Louis. Work was commenced in March of 1948, and the halls were ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall quarter, September 6, 1949. Although the original plans called for three buildings, the price of building materials advanced to such an extent that only two residence halls and a small section of the third could be built. The three buildings were designed in a harmonious "U" shape with the girls' dormitory on the south, the boys' dormitory on the north, and apartments for married students in the middle. The apartments have not been installed thus far since the College has had to use the central section for men students.

The residence hall in the central portion of the "U" was named Nason Hall in honor of William Pinckney Nason, second president of the College who served in 1881-1882 after having been a member of the faculty since the beginning of the institution in 1867.

Nason Hall contains housing facilities for one hundred and twenty-four men. Each room is designed for four occupants and has a private bath. The rooms are furnished in hard maple with individual bunk beds, study tables, chests of drawers, desk chairs, and a lounge chair. Residents may add drapes, bedspreads, and throw rugs to suit their individual tastes.

Dorm C, the small section of the dormitory on the north side of the "U" which has been constructed to date, contains rooms for twenty-four boys. There the rooms are arranged in suites of two rooms and a connecting

bath. Each room is designed for two boys. The furniture is similar to that in Nason except that the beds are not bunk style, and individual desks are provided.

In the basement of Blanton Hall, the women's residence hall to the south, the dining room, recreation lounge, and snack bar are located. Many students who do not live in the dormitories also eat in the dining room

and join the residents of the dormitories in social activities.

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### Cover Picture

Jerry Bradshaw, sophomore, from Louisiana, Missouri, and Wendell Beckemeier, senior, who lives in Winfield, Missouri, enter Nason Hall upon their return from the Christmas vacation.



*To the Young Men Graduating from  
High School This Spring:*

We would like for every one of you to see Nason Hall and  
Dorm C . . .

*But - - -*

We know you cannot all do that . . .

*So - - -*

We have assembled pictures of representative activities of the  
men's residence halls to give you an idea of the sort of life you  
may expect to lead if you live in one of these dormitories while  
pursuing your education at the

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● A group of boys gather for a jam session. David Fried from Middlesex, New Jersey, (standing) vocalizes while James Atkinson and James Kennedy both of whom live in Mexico, Missouri; John Lillard of LaGrange; Leland Casady from Unionville; Paul Helton of Robertson; and Kyung Whan Kim from Seoul, Korea, provide accompaniment on an assortment of instruments.

● "Let me see that picture in *Life*," seems to be what Jon Hoaglin, freshman from Hillsboro, Iowa, (standing) is saying to Tom Kooreman of Louisiana. Robert Nauman whose home is in Blythedale; Gary Garton of Corydon, Iowa; and James Atkinson from Mexico, Missouri; form a serious circle around the table each intent on his reading. Lars Garton also from Corydon chuckles over something in the *National Geographic*. Many of the popular magazines are available to the boys in the residence halls.



● Cary Gillum from Unionville and Larry Fletcher of Elmer trim the Christmas tree in Nason Hall while James Walker of Bucklin fixes the snow around the base.

● A five-man council promotes the well-being of all residents of Nason Hall and Dorm C and keeps order in the two dormitories. The officers who are going over the constitution of the organization with the house mother, Mrs. Ewing, in her apartment are: Dan Bradbury, Hannibal; Mason Benn, Frankford; Tom Kooreman, Louisiana; John Fiala, Beatrice, Nebraska; and Kenneth Barker of Burlington, Iowa.



● "Three meals are served daily in the cafeteria located in the basement of neighboring Blanton Hall. I know for a fact that I could not eat as well planned meals outside of the Dorm."—Marvin DeHass, St. Louis. Enjoying good fellowship and good food are (facing the camera): Leland Casady of Unionville; Robert Brown from Corydon, Iowa; Burton Aber, who lives in University City; James Walker of Bucklin; and James Rogers from Canton. With their backs to the camera are: James Harkness from Grayslake, Illinois; Emerson Griggs of Vandalia; Gary Garton from Corydon, Iowa; Robert Cook of Canton; Arthur Klingensmith, Lucerne; and Robert Grothaus of Fulton.

● Ronnie Thomas of Hannibal, Tom Kooreman from Louisiana, Ronald Bagley of Shelbina, and John Fiala from Beatrice, Nebraska, relax from their studies in Ronald Bagley's attractive room in Dorm C.



# LIFE IN THE MEN'S DORMS

## { AS SEEN FROM A MOUSEHOLE }

by

**Jim Kennedy**

Mexico, Missouri

Tom of 319 was saying to Ray in 116 that he sure liked Dorm C's being so close to the campus on these freezing Kirksville mornings—Oh! Excuse me! —I forgot to introduce myself.

I'm Melvin Mouse and I live in Dorm C here at the Teachers College, and I was just telling Millie (she is my girl, and her room is in Blanton Hall for girls) how the fellows like living in the dormitories.

Millie and I are down in the basement recreational lounge now, listening to the latest platter by Pat Boone, and watching all the teams to see who is going to ping first in the ping pong tournament.

Over in the corner of the lounge is a snack bar that serves sandwiches, snacks, and carries a complete line of miscellaneous articles including cig-

arettes, razor blades, and soap. Then, too, it has class room supplies such as paper, pencils, and notebooks.

It's a few minutes before 11 p.m. so Millie and I are going to the cafeteria to get a late snack before Mrs. Ransom finishes planning the menus tonight. It's in this cafeteria that all residents of the dorms eat their meals. This makes it nice for a fella and a girl like Millie and me; too, you can

bring guests to eat with you in this spacious dining room where well balanced meals are served three times daily.

Yes, I'll see you tomorrow at 8, Millie. Goodnight. Well, before going to Dorm C I'll just go to first floor Nason and see how everyone in room 104 is doing. These rooms in Nason are really great. There are only four boys in one big room. Each room in Nason has a study table, book case, two chests, two closets, and a modern bathroom.

Oops, that Bob almost stepped on me again. He got a call on the buzzer—must have been his girl—. I should know by now to get out of the doorway whenever someone gets a phone call or when a caller comes to the Rose Lounge.



●NASON HALL

On the Campus of the NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

# LIFE IN NASON HALL

by

**Robert Snyder**

St. Louis, Missouri

These men are all busy studying so I'm going to run downstairs to the laundry room and see if anyone is doing his laundry tonight.

Nope, no one here. Usually there're a couple of students washing or drying their clothes in the automatic coin operated machines which are here for the residents to use. You know, I was really surprised to see how well a lot of these young men can iron white shirts.

Unless I hurry back to the room I'll get locked in the basement, so I'm going to use the tunnel. By going this way I'll be right at the breezeway which connects Nason Hall and Dorm C.

Dorm C you know is arranged differently from Nason. Two boys share a room and two rooms are connected by a bathroom.

Whether their interests be modern art, miniature models or the latest Marilyn Monroe pin ups, the boys are allowed to decorate their pleasantly painted rooms to suit themselves. This means that they can choose drapes, rugs, bedspreads, bulletin boards and all accessories.

If I didn't have to go help Jim with his zoology I could go on, and on, and on telling you about life in Nason and Dorm C. I could tell you of the fine fellowship that comes whenever a group of young men start making friends.

Why, I've peered out of my mouse-hole many a night to see suite mates chatting over hometown news and helping each other solve problems.

For counseling, there's the understanding housemother who is assisted by a housefather and a council of five. There is also a committee to keep social activities of the dorm scheduled. Millie and I never miss these.

As I say, I have to help Jim. I sure have enjoyed telling you about Nason and Dorm C, but if you want to know more just come for a visit. When you do, ask for Melvin Mouse and I'm sure that after a mouse's eye view of the halls you'll want to stay in one of the dorms as long as you're going to school at K. S. T. C.

"Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

This is an old proverb that stood true until the year of 1948, when Nason Hall was constructed. Since that time practically every student that has lived in the dormitory has had to admit there is such a place that is like home. I enjoy living in Nason Hall and personally feel that it has every characteristic of being home away from home.

There are three basic elements that make a good home. They are Concern,



● "Our house mother makes it her business to greet everyone each day with a smile and a few words. She tries to make all the boys feel at home, and she generally does a good job of it."—Marvin DeHass, St. Louis. The house mother, Mrs. Eva Ewing and her assistant, Lars Garton of Corydon, Iowa, check over a room list in Mrs. Ewing's cheerful apartment located on the first floor of Nason Hall.

Comfort, and Convenience. Each one of these can be found in Nason Hall.

Where but in Nason could we receive more attention and concern from others? The house mother is always ready to help each one of us. We can go to her for advice that no other person but a mother could give. The fellowship of our roommates and friends here can't be equalled. They are willing to assist or aid us in any way possible. The friendly hello and the warm smile of everyone acts as food to the spiritual side of life. One has a chance to develop his real personality while living with his friends and classmates.

Along with the concern of others we also find comfort in Nason Hall. The rooms are outstanding in decoration and furnishing. Each room has its own heating unit so that the warmth of the air can be controlled by its occupants. There is no squinting of the eyes when reading or studying, for in Nason the lighting is very excellent. To add to our comfort a maid comes through the rooms once a week. She has the task of cleaning our rooms and our bathrooms. I might add that each room has a private bath.

It is hard to distinguish between the comforts and the conveniences in Nason Hall. For example, the recreational lounge, which is located in the basement is a comfort to us. Between classes we can stop to have a chat with some fellow students. In the evening a trip to the lounge acts as a recess from our studies. This lounge can be considered a convenience too because there the snack bar is located. Here we can buy numerous miscellaneous articles ranging from a coke to a tube of toothpaste or a three cent postage stamp.

A real convenience is the cafeteria which is in the basement of Blanton Hall. Blanton is adjacent to Nason allowing us to go to and from our meals without ever leaving the inside

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● A card game can be a serious matter. Intent on their hands are Dan Bradbury who comes from Hannibal, Kenneth Russell from St. Louis, Kenneth Barker of Burlington, Iowa, (back to camera); and John Fiala of Beatrice, Nebraska.

● Dancing to the juke box in the recreation lounge is an activity shared with girls from Blanton and Grim Halls. Sue Harbaugh, Laclède, and Emerson Griggs, Vandalia; Eddie Jo Johns, Shelbina, and Warren Dennis, Huntsville; Mary Elizabeth Hildmann, Shelbina, and Stanley Shkolnick, Centerville, Iowa; Mary Louise Wiseman, Maywood, and Wayne Newman, Higbee, appear to be having a pleasant evening.



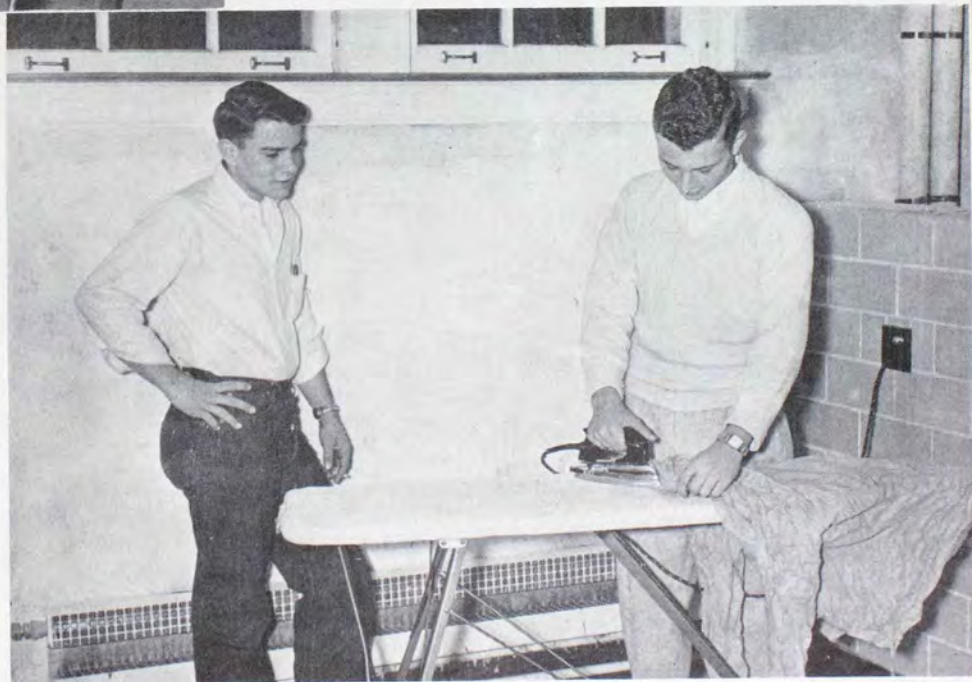
● The snack bar is a popular place for dormitory residents. "It is also possible to purchase an untold number of miscellaneous items there which saves many trips to town."—Marvin DeHass, St. Louis. Enjoying a coke are James Harkness of Grayslake, Illinois; Darriell Davenport, Laquey; Lynn Lubbering, from Hannibal; Lars Garton of Corydon, Iowa; and Robert Barnhart of Unionville.

● It's surprising how much better a boy can study with the aid of a coke. Thomas Tomimoto, who comes from Hawaii; Charles Zone of St. Louis; James L. Edwards of Hull, Illinois; and Richard Westbrook, who also lives in St. Louis, are seated around the study table in their commodious room in Nason Hall.



● A fast ping pong game is fun for participants and spectators alike. John Poole of Milan awaits his turn while Kent Streeter from Pollock serves. Robert Fiedler, Clarksville; Mason Benn, Frankford; and Billie Christy, from Revere watch closely.

● "The college also provides electric irons and ironing boards to train college students to be good husbands in the future."—James L. Edwards, Hull, Illinois. Lawrence Christensen of Glasgow keeps James Atkinson of Mexico, Missouri, company while he irons a shirt.



# WHY I CHOSE NASON HALL

by

**Fred Bachman**

Ottumwa, Iowa

Nason Hall is a dormitory for men. It is a strong metal and brick structure, located on the east side of the campus. Nason Hall stands between Blanton and Dorm C dormitories, capable of housing one hundred twenty-four students.

I chose to live in Nason Hall for a number of reasons. In Nason Hall and the adjoining halls, a friendly spirit is cultivated by nearly everyone. Through the new friendships and acquaintances made everyday, we

learn to study, work, and play together as a large family would do. It is natural for us to look upon others as our brothers. Our house mother, Mrs. Ewing, is always ready to help anyone, anytime. This also shows that in Nason Hall there is always co-operation.

The rooms in Nason Hall are one of the finest features. Four boys live in each room. Each room contains modern furniture with glass tops, two closets, and a bathroom. We boys in our dormitory never have any trouble getting comfortable. Co-operation in Nason Hall makes it easy to study because everything is very quiet. Also our rooms are painted bright and cheerful colors, making everyone gay and cheerful.

Once a week, every room is cleaned



● Letters from home are an important part of every college student's life. Tom Kooreman, Louisiana, Missouri; John Fiala, Beatrice, Nebraska; Ronnie Thomas, Hannibal; and Telesforo Boquiren, Fullbright scholarship student from Baguio City, Philippine Republic; stop at the office next to the entrance of Nason Hall to pick up their mail.



● "Student laundering facilities are very modern. The college supplies three automatic washers and two dryers so that the students will be able to do their washings during weekends."—James L. Edwards, Hull, Illinois. Tom Kent of Coatsville puts his laundry in a machine while Larry Beall of St. Charles (standing) and Robert Funk of Auxvasse offer advice.

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by a maid. Like most boys, I enjoy that service very much, because I don't like to do that type of work. For those that like to clean rooms, there are cleaning closets containing the necessary equipment on each floor. However, few bother the closets.

Also, we, the students, appreciate the dormitory's nearness to the classes. Because of this nearness we find that we can sleep late and still get to class on time.

Telephones in Nason Hall are used very much. There is a telephone on every floor. In every room, a bell or buzzer will sound if one is wanted. The telephones in Nason Hall prove to be an important part of the dormitory.

In the basement of our dormitory, each boy can find laundry rooms where he can wash, dry, and iron his clothes for only a small fee. This room is used by boys everyday.

Another feature of Nason Hall is that the boys living in it have access to the cafeteria in Blanton Hall. It is always good, especially during cold

days, to go down and eat Mrs. Ransom's home cooked, wholesome meals. This means very much, especially to boys.

A very popular place many Nason Hall residents find is the recreational lounge in Blanton Hall. In this lounge one can find many things to do for entertainment. Ping Pong proves to be about the most popular game of all. In the Ping Pong Room, ping pong balls are kept bouncing from morning till night. In the main part of the lounge, there are soft chairs, music, and a snack bar. Here the students may dance, visit, or drink cokes. The snack bar is like a store because it sells just about everything. As one can see, the recreational lounge is a very good place for spending one's spare time.

How much would it cost to live in Nason Hall and get all of these benefits? This question is asked many times. Well, the cost is very cheap, only \$159.00 for three months. Where could one beat that price?

All of these reasons and explanations of why I live in Nason Hall are



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enough proof as to where the best place is to live. Nason Hall, I have come to believe, is an ideal place to live while away from home.

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of the building. Balanced meals are served regularly every day.

Probably the most used room in Nason Hall on a Saturday morning is the laundry room. It is situated in the basement of Nason. There are automatic washing machines and automatic dryers in the room. I sometimes wish that we had some kind of a machine that would iron our clothes automatically. Since this isn't true we are equipped with ironing boards and electric irons.

With the Concern, Comfort, and Convenience of Nason Hall, I have no other choice but to enjoy my home away from home.

"Be it ever so humble there is a place called Nason Hall that is like home."

## BLANTON AND NASON HALLS



